Who Will Graduate High School?

"On-Track Indicator" – metric to determine the likelihood a student will graduate HS

Freshman year is KEY: students that earn at least five credits and get no more than one F are 3.5 times more likely to graduate than those with more than one F.

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Devastating Freshman Year

- One Semester F decreases the likelihood of graduating from 83% to 60%
- Two Semester Fs decreases the likelihood to 44%
- Three Semester Fs during Freshman year = 31% chance of graduating

Students must enter prepared – or receive immediate and effective support!

Consider...

- Students in the lowest 25 percent of their class in reading are 20 times more likely to drop out then the other 75 percent (U.S. DOE, 2003)
- More 7,000 students drop out of high school every school day – 75% end up incarcerated. (Alliance for Excellent Education)

It's Never too Late

 Inmates have a 16 percent chance of returning to prison if they receive literacy help, as opposed to 70 percent for those who receive no help.

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